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Note: NEW TIMES for games on Friday

Friday – November 7

Stratified Open Pairs (0-750, 0-2000, Open) 12:30 pm

Stratified Newcomer Pairs (0-100, 0-200, 0-300) 12:30 pm

Board-a-Match Teams Pro/Am (Pair & Team Scoring) 6:30 pm

Saturday, November 8

Blue Ribbon A/X Open Pairs; Stratified Open Pairs 10:00 am and 3:00 pm

Sunday, November 9

Swiss Teams (1- Session Bracketed) 1:00 pm

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A letter from your Editor

Holidays are busy times
the best of days
the moments we spend with family, friends.

In our haste, remember
kindness, patience
and most of all forgiveness.

It is the days to come where we must look.

When reflecting back, remember
the good times
the laughter, the fun.

Happy Thanksgiving
Sue Eastman



President's Message

At our last meeting, your Unit 115 Board discussed the
results of the survey on starting times for the Friday

evening game. It was clear that those responding
overwhelmingly wanted a change from the 7 p.m. starting
time. The numbers for a change to 6 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. were
almost equal with 6:30 p.m. having a slight edge. There
were a number of concerns which the Board
considered. Our Tournament Director, Bill Dubay, told us
that he needed at least 2 hours between the afternoon and
evening sessions to have dinner and prepare for the
evening session. That meant that an earlier time for the
evening would require an earlier time for the afternoon
session. That could make attendance at the afternoon
session more difficult for those members who have
jobs. Those two issues convinced the Board that we should
adopt 12:30 p.m. for the afternoon session and 6:30 p.m.
for the evening session as the new starting times. Thank
you to all members who indicated their preference on the
survey. We hope these new times will make it possible for
more members to attend and enjoy both sessions.

A new edition of the Laws of Duplicate Bridge was
published in September. The changes were outlined in the
July issue of the ACBL Bridge Bulletin. I know there are
some rules which many think are unnecessary but I urge all
of you to comply with all of them so all players know what
to expect from each other at the table. Two common violations
which I have noticed lately are first, failure to have a
completed convention card available for opponents to
see. Both convention cards in a partnership must be
identical. Also, remember that your completed convention
card should not be examined by you during bidding or play
of the hand. And, second, failure to wait 10 seconds before
bidding after a skip bid by right hand opponent. This is true
whether or not the stop card has been used. I recommend
use of the stop card, but its use is optional according to the
rules. The purpose of the required pause is to prevent
conveying unauthorized information to your partner, so it is
your responsibility to notice the skip bid and then pause.

I hope to see you at the tables enjoying a friendly bridge
game!!

Ray Ratte



This 'n That
from your District Director

As I sit down to write this article for your newsletter
signs of Fall are in the air. District 3's first event of
this season is the NAP Finals which will be over by
the time you read this. Hopefully Norma Shelly will
have done her usual spectacular job of getting people
out to play and the addition of Flight B this year will

have been terrific. Hope those of you who played enjoyed the pre- duplicated hands and the great hospitality thanks to the dedication of Norma. We added Bill Dubay to the team this year since we expected a big turn out.

Following the NAP's we have our final Regional of the year – October 13-19 in Danbury at the Danbury Plaza Hotel and Convention Center (formerly the Sheraton Danbury). Just a short 2 hour drive, red and gold points galore; fine playing conditions and great hospitality. Come practice for the Boston NABC's and have a few days of fun.

The Board of Directors passed an important motion in Las Vegas. Starting January 1, 2010, achieving the rank of Life Master will require 500 Masterpoints. 100 will have to be Gold/Platinum. 100 Red/Gold/Platinum, 75 Silver, and 75 Black. None of us need to be concerned. It doesn't affect us. If you are currently a member of the ACBL or join or rejoin before 1/1/2010 you will continue to need only 300 MP's with the same color requirements as now. It's only after that it will change. I think you all will agree that with the many ways to earn large numbers of points as well as colored points that this change is a positive step. Another action of interest: Voted to keep our headquarters in Memphis so Management is looking for new space in a better neighborhood

I'm off to the Mind Sports Games in Beijing the 1st of October. While Bridge, Chess, Go, Draught and Chinese Checkers will not get the YV coverage that Beach Volleyball got in the Olympics, you will be able to watch the bridge being played on Bridgebase online. They will be broadcasting many of the matches. Yours truly will be chairing Appeals, attending Laws Committee meetings and hopefully doing a bit of sightseeing.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Joan Gerard

Personal Notes

We send our get well wishes to Claire Beames, who is home recovering from surgery.

We send our wishes for a speedy recovery to Stan Felland, who is home from rehab.

Our condolences we send to Barbara Parks, who lost her mother.

Bidding Boxes

I'll be ordering bidding boxes in October. If you want to place an order, call 887-5707. Marian Clowe

Computer Folks

Although the Gazette in Schenectady, includes my bridge column each week, no other paper around here does so. You can read the column if you have a computer. Go to www.dailygazette.com scroll down the page to "bridge results". The column is in the newspaper each Thursday.

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Rank Changes

Junior Masters (5 MPs):

Justine Cook
Ann Johnson

Club Master (20 MPs)

Owen Smith

Sectional Masters (50 MPs-5silver):

Mary Jean Church
Sheela Kulkarni
Sudhir Kulkarni
Sandra Rohner

Regional Master (100 MPs -5r/g,15s):

Rhoda Levine

Bronze Life Masters (500 MPs):

Amelia Urbano



Lou Brickman wishes to acknowledge Tony Prindle, Richard Clark, and Sue Eastman for their helpful suggestions upon reading and critiquing his article "Opening Leads and Dangerous Dummys" printed in the August 2008 of the CDBA Newsletter.

Club Corner

The Studio

Coming Events

Saturday Oct 4 1:00 Unit Charity Game
 Monday Oct 20 12:00 Charity for Multiple Sclerosis
 Thursday Oct 23 12:00 CC
 Monday Nov 3 1:00 Inv. CC
 Saturday Nov 22 12:30 CC
 Wednesday Dec 3 12:00 Inv CC

Studio will be closed November 27 & 29.

PRO-AM PAIR GAME SATURDAY OCTOBER 11 @ 1:00.
 A LIFE MASTER MUST PLAY WITH A NON-LIFE
 MASTER. IF YOU NEED US TO PLAY "MATCHMAKER"
 GIVE NORMA A CALL AT 346-3773 OR TELL YOUR
 CLUB DIRECTOR.

Sectional Results

September 5-7, 2008

Friday afternoon Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1	1	1	Xiaoqian Liu - Maxim Siline
2			Lois August - Carol Chandler
3	2	2	Brad Chartrand - Robert Barrington
4			Sandra Nelson - William Nelson
5			Robert Donald - Diane Burger
6			Donald Cohen - Corrado Baglioni
	3		William Teiper - Charles Schmidt
	4		Joan Fisher - Esther Roche
		3	Diana Lack - Mark Rosenholz

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1	1	Robert Hoffman Jr - Nancy Ellis
2		Judith Ludwig - Tom Ludwig
3	2	John Loeber - Mark Hartley

Friday evening BAM

1/2	Jarrold Harter - Laura Hammaker
	Bernard Neuhart - Robert Neuhart
1/2	Jill Factor - Arnold Factor
	Peggy Casey - Barbara Mangano
3	Rich Kasprovicz - Marion Sheehan
	Margaret Lavelle - Carol Paskin

Saturday morning Open Pairs

A	B	C	
1			Ed Hornidge - Rita Redlich
2	1		Marje Barton - Mary Anne Pickett
3	2	1	Ronald Golik - Robert Nevin
4			Albert Ross - Anthony Prindle
5	3	2	Diana Lack - Daniel Wulff
6			Robert Donald - Diane Burger
	4	3	Michael Sattinger - Ulla Sattinger
	5		John O'Brien - John Riopelle
	6		Gino & Katie Scalamandre
		4	Anne Lapinski - Rosemary Zongrone
		5	David Buchyn - Ellen Finch

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1	1	Paul & Frances Cuerdon
2		Judith & Tom Ludwig
3	2	Frances Corbett - Jane Meharg

Saturday afternoon Open Pairs

1			Morton Friedman - Satya Pabuwal
2			Gary & Lucy Spongberg
3			Albert Ross - Arthur Bernhardt
4	1	1	Xiaoqian Liu - Maxim Siline
5			Rita Redlich - Carol Chandler
6	2	2	Michael & Ulla Sattinger
	3		Teresa Fenimore - Louis Urbano
	4		Ruth Anderson - Maryclare Devlin
	5	3	Jack Deuel - Colin Ingham
	6		John Riopelle - Diane Alexander

Sunday Swiss

	A	Bracket 1	
1			Judy Dubay - Harry Kaufmann
			Sandra Nelson - William Nelson
2			Robert Neuhart - Bernard Neuhart
			Sue Eastman - Satya Pabuwal
		Bracket 2	
1			Ross Lounsbury - Louis Urbano
			Charles Schmidt - Dorothy Kraus
2			William Teiper - Andrew Archibald
			Ed Hornidge - Richard Bobilin
		Bracket 3	
1			Diana & Jonathan Lack
			David & Joyce Lack
2			Michael & Ulla Sattinger
			Lew & Linda Millenbach
		Bracket 4	
1			Harold Bigelow - Judi Jacquin
			Patricia Feulner - Joanne Dechants
2			Harry & Louise Landry
			Ann McDowell - Marcia Metzger

Congratulations

Liverpool Winners (Aug 5-10)

Points

33.58	William Dubay
26.38	Walter Smith
24.79	Judy Dubay
20.06	Robert Valenti
18.80	Andrew Dubay
16.54	Xiaoqian Liu
16.54	Stephen Paskin
16.54	Maxim Siline
16.54	Albert Ross
15.12	Richard Bobilin
15.12	Edward Hornidge
14.50	Dorothy Kraus
14.50	Charles Schmidt
13.13	Satya Pabuwal
13.13	Arthur Bernhardt
13.10	Richard Hill
13.10	Judy Hill
12.27	Ross Lounsbury
9.28	Jill Factor
9.28	Arnold Factor
8.94	Robert Neuhart
6.42	Richard Clark
6.42	Gloriana Clark
5.34	Marigay Harkins

Nashua Winners (Aug 27- Sept 1)

Points

51.55	Steve Bloom
51.55	Betty Bloom
39.54	Bob Feller
21.56	Walter Smith
8.88	Robert Donald
8.88	Diane Burger
7.94	Xiaoqian Liu
7.94	Maxim Siline
4.90	Patricia Baugh
4.90	Jack Baugh
3.95	Paul Cuerdon
3.95	Frances Cuerdon
3.77	William Dubay
3.77	Judy Dubay
2.67	John McDonald
2.67	Barbara McDonald

Judi's "Sherlock Holmes" lessons, the ROCC, Fridays, at 9:15 am. No partner necessary



A Huge Thank you

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to **Margaret Lavelle, Norma Shelly, Fran Leary, and Dorothy Kraus** who volunteered and hosted the September Sectional in Schenectady. Please keep up the good work. Volunteers are most welcomed. Contact Marian Sheehan for details on ways you can help.

Mini-McKenney & Ace of Club Standings

Unit 115 (as of October 6, 2008)

	<u>Mini-McKenney</u>	<u>Ace of Clubs</u>
0-5	Terry Bentley Lionel Biagiotti Justine Cook	Lionel Biagiotti Terry Bentley Justine Cook
5-20	Judi Jacquin Arlene Belott James Beard	Judi Jacquin Arlene Belott James Beard
20-50	Richard Bobilin Sandra Ostrellich Joanne Dechants	Richard Bobilin Sylvia Persico Sandra Ostrellich
50-100	John Loeber Harry Landry Mark Hartley	John Loeber Rhoda Levine Richard Rem
100-200	Gloriana Clark Jack Baugh Louise Landry	Gloriana Clark Dorothy Shelly Harold Bigelow
200-300	Lois Tuohey Ellen Finch Lew Millenbach	Lois Tuohey Ellen Finch Mary Ellen Nevin
300-500	Xiaoqian Liu Maxim Siline Ulla Sattinger	Conrad Bader Gene Vennesland Ulla Sattinger
500-1000	Judy & Richard Hill Lou Urbano Diane Alexander	Diane Alexander Judy & Richard Hill Lou Urbano
1000-2500	Diane Burger Robert Neuhart Satya Pabuwal	Donald Cohen Satya Pabuwal Joan Harvey
2500-5000	Robert Donald Arthur Bernhardt Lucy & Gary Spongberg	Arthur Bernhardt Robert Donald June Barach
5000-7500	Walter Smith Judy Dubay William Dubay	Stephen Paskin Harry Kaufmann Bill Dubay
7500-10000	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Al Ross	William Nelson Sandra Nelson Albert Ross
Over 10000	Betty & Steve Bloom Lynn Deas Neil Chambers	Betty & Steve Bloom Neil Chambers

LATE PLAY/SLOW PLAY

By
Robert Neuhart

There has been a lot of discussion concerning these actions. The main thing is a Late Play is in no way a penalty. A Director issues a late play to keep the game moving along at a normal pace. To understand what happens, when a table is late, it not only affects the 4 players at the table but when the movement for the next round is completed, the N/S at the next table have been delayed as well as the E/W from the previous table. If pairs continue to run late and not “catch up”, more tables and more pairs become affected and this is how games, that should run 3 hours, become 3 ½ to 4 hours long. The Late Play is used to catch up a slow pair or pairs and to get everyone home at a reasonable time. If a Late Play cannot be completed at the end, it is still not a penalty. When a board is Not Played, you receive the same percentage for the non-played board as you do for all the other boards played. For example, if you have a 60% game, you would get 60% of the available match points for the board not played. If you a 40% game, you get 40% of the available match points for the board not played.

If the same pair is continually late, slowing down the game, this is where a Slow Play warning comes into play and maybe used. The Director will issue a Slow Play warning to the pair but this is where a penalty may be assessed. If the slow play continues after being warned, the Director may indicate a board not be played in order to “catch up” the slow pair. At this point a penalty is assessed with the offenders (slow pair) being assessed an Average Minus (40% of the available matchpoints) and the non-offenders (innocent bystanders) receiving an Average Plus (60% of the available matchpoints).

Directors use these tools, not to punish pairs but to keep the game moving along for the enjoyment of everyone in the room.

Danbury Autumn Regional October 13-19, 2008



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Mon-Sunday	October 13-19	Regional, Danbury, CT
Wed-Sunday	Nov 12-16	Regional, Niagara Falls, ON
Thurs-Sunday	November 20-30	NABC, Boston
Fri-Sunday	Dec 5-7	Sectional, Woodbridge, NJ
Fri-Sunday	Dec 12-14	Sectional, Watertown, MA

Club Events

Fri-Sunday	Nov 7-9	Sectional Schenectady
Wed-Tuesday	Nov 12-18	STACs



Deadline for submission for August Newsletter:

Nov 15, 2008

Save Trees and postage. Those households that could do with 1 newsletter instead of 2; let me know.